

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2004, claims 10, 24 and 29-43 have been cancelled, and claims 1, and 15 have been amended. Claims 1-9, 11-23 and 25-28 remain in the application. Re-examination and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. Claim Amendments

Applicants' attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments introduce no new matter.

III. Prior Art Rejections

In paragraphs (1)-(2) of the Office Action, claims 1-9, 13-23, and 27-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Van Antwerp et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,002,954 (Van Antwerp). In paragraph (3) of the Office Action, claims 10-12 and 24-26 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the base claim and any intervening claims.

While Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), the pending claims have been amended hereinabove in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion in paragraph (3) of the Office Action. These amendments to the claims render the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) moot.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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